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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SPRING CREEK, Sept. 17, 1880.

The Forty-first Annual Session of the Chickasaw Baptist Association convened with Spring Creek Church, on Friday before the third Sabbath in September, 1880.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. C. W. Smith, from John, 12:32, at the close of which the Association adjourned one hour for refreshments. Prayer by Eld. I. Smith.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator introduced the business of the Association by reading the 12th chapter of Romans. Prayer by J. D. Anderson.

A committee on credentials was appointed, to-wit: Eld. J. T. Pitts, and Bros. W. L. Souter, and J. T. Short. While said committee was preparing their report, the Association spent a short time in devotional exercises.

The report of the committee on Credentials was submitted and adopted.

The Association was then permanently organized by electing Eld. J. T. Pitts, Moderator, and John W. Powell, Clerk. Elds. Z. T. Leavell, T. J. Walne, and J. D. Anderson, acting as tellers.

After some appropriate remarks by the Moderator, the Association was led in prayer by the former Moderator, Eld. James Boswell.

Petitionary Letters were then called for, whereupon Temperance Hill, was received or restored, (being previously desolved) to fellowship in this body.

On motion a committee of seven was appointed to consider the propriety of redistricting the Association.

A committee on Order of Business was appointed, and said committee recommended the for Order of Business, which was adopted.

On motion a committee on Devotional Exercises was appointed, to-wit: Bros. F. A. Crossley, J. E. Boatright, and B. J. Coldwell, with the deacons of this church.

Correspondence was then called for:

From the Judson Association—Not represented.

From the Oxford Association—Elders Z. T. Leavell, J. F. Johnson, and H. W. Rocket.

From the Aberdeen Association—Not represented.

From the Tippah Association—Elder M. P. Lowery.

From the Cold Water Association—Elds. J. W. Harris, and J. D. Anderson.

From the Calhoun Association—Eld. R. F. Ltokes.

From the Tisnomingo Association—Not represented.

Baptist State Convention—Elders T. J. Walne, Z. T. Leavell, and D. E. Gambrell.

On motion, the rule to select the place for holding the next session by ballot, was suspended, and Mt. Pleasant and Philadelphia churches were nominated, the vote was then taken by acclamation, which resulted in the choice of Philadelphia.

On motion the rule to select the person by ballot to preach the Introductory Sermon was also suspended, and Eld. G. W. Potter, was elected by acclamation to preach said sermon, Eld. H. L. Finley, alternate.

On motion the Association adjourned to 8:30 o'clock Saturday morning. Prayer by Elder Z. T. Leavell.

SECOND DAY, MORNING SESSION.

The Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. D. Anderson.

Minutes of Friday read and approved.

On motion, the Committee on Domestic Missions was granted further time.

Committee on Finance appointed, to-wit: Brothers W. L. Souther, F. A. Crossley, and J. E. Boatright.

Report on Foreign Missions, submitted, and, after interesting speeches by Elders Z. T. Leavell, T. J. Walne, J. L. Johnson, and M. T. Martin, was adopted.

A public collection was taken up for foreign missions, and \$35 in cash was raised.

The Association adjourned to hear a sermon by Elder T. J. Walne, Corresponding Secretary of State Mission Board. Text, 1st Chapter of Acts, latter clause of 8th verse.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Wm. Langston.

Report on Domestic Missions submitted and discussed by Elder J. T. Walne, M. T. Martin, and J. L. Johnson. On motion, was adopted and a collection taken up and five hundred dollars in cash and pledges for that purpose.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended, and report of Committee on Re-districting the Association submitted and adopted.

Report on Education submitted, and after lively speech of Elder J. L. Johnson, discussion suspended until 9 o'clock, Monday morning. Prayer by Elder Z. T. Leavell.

SABBATH EXERCISES

At the Church, at 10 o'clock, services by Elder J. W. Harris; text, 2nd

Tim. 2:26; Theme, Captivity of the sinners, under voluntary service, and how he is freed from his servitude. Followed at 11:30 o'clock, by M. P. Lowrey; Text, the covenant of promise, Eph. 2:12; Theme, The two covenants with Abraham. 1. The covenant with reference to his natural seed sealed by circumcision. 2. The covenant to bless all the nations of the earth, through Christ. 3. The covenant with each individual Christian.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder M. P. Lowrey.

Report on Education re-taken up, and after a thrilling speech by Elder M. P. Lowrey, on motion, was adopted.

Report on Sabbath Schools submitted, and on motion, was adopted without discussion.

On motion, regular order of business was suspended, and report on Publications taken up and discussed by Elders M. T. Martin, J. L. Johnson, and Bro. Simeon Hughes, on motion, was adopted.

Regular order of business resumed.

Report on Mississippi College submitted, and on motion, was adopted without discussion.

The committee on Temperance recommended the report as appears in minutes of 1879, which was discussed by Elder M. T. Martin. On motion, was adopted.

Report on State of Religion submitted. On motion, was adopted.

On motion, the Committee on Report of the Executive Board was granted further time.

Report on Finance read and adopted.

The following appointments of correspondents were made:

To the Judson Association.—Elders I. Smith, J. T. Pitts, H. L. Finley and Bro. J. McTucker.

To the Oxford Association.—Elders W. W. Finley, J. H. Morgan, D. E. Gambrell, and Bros. John T. Brown, John W. Powell, G. A. Logan, J. P. Smith and Simeon Hughes.

To the Aberdeen Association.—Elders H. L. Finley and J. T. Pitts.

To the Calhoun Association.—Elders J. T. Pitts, H. L. Finley, and Bros. Simeon Hughes, G. E. Murphy, Robert Rossett, John W. Powell, A. E. Harwell and J. P. S. Powell.

To the Colcheater Association.—Elders H. L. Finley, I. Smith, D. E. Gambrell, and Bros. J. P. Rodgers and John T. Brown.

To the Tishomingo Association.—Elders James Boswell, J. T. Pitts, I. Smith, C. W. Smith, and Bros. J. A. Rodgers, D. E. Mitchell and J. McTucker.

To the Tippah Association.—Elders James Boswell, J. H. Morgan, D. E. Gambrell, I. M. Gray, and Bros. W. R. Spencer, A. G. Gaines.

To the Baptist State Convention.—No appointment, as this Association will meet before that body convenes.

On motion, leave of absence was granted to Elder Wm. Langston, and Bro. John Brooks.

On motion, the Association adjourned one hour for recreation. Prayer by Elder M. P. Lowrey.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. W. Harris.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended to hear pream-

ble and resolution offered by N. M. Berry, and discussed by Elders J. L. Johnson, J. T. Pitts, I. M. Gray, J. H. Morgan and others, was adopted; at the close of which, the Association bowed with Elder C. W. Smith in prayer, in behalf of the State Mission Board.

On motion, Elder W. W. Finley and Bros. N. M. Berry and W. L. Souther were appointed as the Executive Board.

On motion, the Committee on Credentials was abolished, and the former order, or plan, recommended.

A motion was offered to rescind the Act of re-districting the Association. Motion lost.

On motion, a letter of dismission was granted to Oakmeter Church.

On motion, the Association—after the minutes were read, corrected and approved, adjourned to meet with Philadelphia Church, three miles southwest of Rocky Ford, on Friday, before the third Sabbath in September, 1881.

Thus closed, in the strong bonds of Christian love, the forty-first session of the Chickasaw Baptist Association. Prayer by Elder J. L. Johnson.

JOHN W. POWELL, Clerk.

J. T. PITTS, Moderator.

NOTE BY THE CLERK.—Brethren, by special action of the Association I am instructed to request the Churches to send up at next session a *double* contribution for minutes for the purpose of having the Constitution and Articles of Faith published in the Minutes of 1881. Brethren, don't neither neglect, nor forget it.

Ordained Ministers.

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.	NAMES.	POST OFFICES.
W. W. Finley.....	Toccopola.	C. W. Smith.....	Toccopola.
E. McGregory.....	Toccopola.	J. T. Pitts.....	Cherry Creek.
G. W. Potter.....	Cherry Creek.	James Boswell.....	Cherry Creek.
D. C. M. Bigam.....	Pontotoc.	Wm. Langston.....	New Albany.
I. Smith.....	Wallerville.	B. B. Smith.....	Lafayette Springs.
R. E. Fowler.....	Beulah.	I. M. Gray.....	Cornersville.
W. L. Reynolds.....	Cornersville.	W. L. Farmer.....	Cornersville.
H. L. Finley.....	Abbeville.	J. R. Johnson.....	Abbeville.
J. A. Johnson.....	Randolph.	J. V. Johnson.....	Randolph.
Thos. Gorley.....	Randolph.	H. Pritchard.....	Walton.
J. H. Morgan.....	Bethlehem.		

Licentiates.

E. E. Murphy.....	Toccopola.	W. L. Mullins.....	Dallas.
F. M. Ferrell.....	Toccopola.	P. P. Watts.....	Dallas.
Wm. Miller.....	Oxford.	G. J. Robbins.....	Esperanzie.
J. M. Cleveland.....	New Albany.	W. N. Swain.....	Cornersville.
A. J. Gains.....	Waterford.	W. F. Butler.....	Hickory Flat.
J. M. Huckaby.....	Molino.	J. P. Rogers.....	Waterford.
R. M. Belle.....	Pontotoc.		

APPENDIX.

Report on Domestic Missions.

The cause of Missions, is the cause of the blessed Jesus. He was the great missionary from Heaven to earth. When he had fully established his plan of operation, and set in order the things necessary for the conquest of the world, He committed the whole plan to his servants—the disciples in these words: "Go teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." For sake of convenience we divide this field, the world, into *Home and Foreign Missions*. In this we think we have Scripture example. The glad tidings of salvation were first published throughout the land of Israel, then extended to the Gentile nations. Following this divine plan, this Association has been successfully working for forty years. She has had her own Board of Missions through whom she has planted the standard in many regions in North Mississippi. Then she has stretched forth a helping hand to the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, at Marion, Ala., and also, to the Foreign Mission Board of the same Convention, located at Richmond, Virginia. And now that the State Convention has seen fit in her wisdom to appoint and locate a Board of Missions at Oxford, Miss., we hope she will be as ready to work through this channel, as in former years through the channels above mentioned.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. FINLEY.

On Foreign Missions.

The great work the Lord has committed to our hands is wonderful. Our foreign fields are already white unto the harvest." The great Empire of China, is rapidly opening to the christian harvest; Japan, Madagascar, almost all the Indies, East and West, Africa, South America, all the Papal States in Europe, the Russian Empire, and soon the Turkish dominions will be open to the gospel, all this, is a loud call, from Olivet, "Preach the gospel to every creature." By modern science, we are brought in speaking distance of the whole world. The proportion of converts among the heathen, are about six to one in our own country, according to the number of laborers there and here, this also is wonderful. For information on the work of our Southern Baptist Convention, we refer you to the "Foreign Mission Journal;" the organ of our Foreign Board located at Richmond, Va. Ought not the great Baptist heart of these Southern States to be stirred to its mighty depth on this all important subject?

Some of the, now, darkest places of the earth were once, aglow with gospel light, and gospel privileges. We are now rejoicing in the light they once had. They once labored and suffered martyrdom, that we might have the "glorious gospel of the blessed God." There is now no such sacrifice required at our hands. The superfluities and frivolities of our times would abundantly supply them with the gospel. We claim to be the true representatives of primitive times; we would do well to illustrate our faith by our works. Instead of twenty or thirty missionaries, we ought to have five hundred, and instead of giving \$40,000 a year, we ought to give \$1,000,000, then we would not average more than one dollar to the member in our Southern churches. We ought to be ashamed of ourselves, in the presence of the heroic self-sacrificing spirits of Apostolic times, God will frown upon us if we don't do better. The light that we have will be taken from us and given to another nation that will bring forth the

proper fruit, to the glory of Christ. We say it, fearless of successful contradiction, that no one is entitled to be called a primitive Baptist who is practically opposed to Foreign Missions. Paul was a foreign missionary. God has set before us an open door. Let us enter now, and press the glorious work toward its final consummation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. FINLEY, Chairman.

Report of Treasurer.

N. M. BERRY, In account with Chickasaw Association:
1880.

	To am't on hand last report.....	Dr.
	" " " received from Liberty Church.....	\$ 31 75
	" " " " Toccopola Church.....	2 70
	" " " " Fredonia.....	2 45
Sept. 17.	" " " " Mt. Pleasant Church.....	3 50
18.	" " " collected for foreign missions.....	2 00
19.	" " " " State missions.....	35 60
	Total.....	\$115 60

	By am't sent Dr. Whitfield by Elder T. J. Walne.....	Cr.
	Paid G. W. Leavell, Treasurer of State Mission Board.....	\$ 35 60
Sept. 20.	Am't paid Elder C. W. Smith.....	37 60
20.	" " " J. P. Rodgers.....	21 20
	Total.....	\$115 60

Respectfully submitted,

N. M. BERRY, Treasurer.

Report on State of Religion.

Your Committee, to whom was assigned a report on the State of religion, would respectfully report as follows:

We find upon an examination of the letters of communication, from the various churches composing this Association, that many revivals have been experienced—especially among the people of God. Many conversions witnessed, and a host of sinners left, still inquiring after Christ. But, notwithstanding our success, the march of religion, is, in a great measure, attributable to the bold, and earnest preaching of our faithful ministers, yet, your Committee would recommend, that more doctrinal preaching be interspersed among us, as the points at issue between Baptists and pedobaptists, are frequently misrepresented, and the mind of the people misled, and they are thus prejudiced against us and led away from the truth. Now, Baptists are the ones to hold up the standard of truth, and the banner of the Great King and Saviour of souls.

Respectfully submitted

J. R. JOHNSON, Chairman.

Report on Sabbath Schools.

Your Committee reports follows: We believe that Sabbath Schools do meet the approbation of God, therefore we believe that all the churches should keep them up.

In the next place we find that where they are kept up there is more intelligence, and piety among the children, for it is one of the places in which to "bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

We don't believe that any excuse will justify the churches for not having Sabbath-schools, except when it is unavoidable.

Then, in the next place observation has taught us, that where they are kept up, the churches do more for Home, State, and Domestic Missions, also in the Sabbath-schools, children learn to give to the Lord's cause.

Therefore, brethren, let us go to work and fit up our church houses, organize Sabbath-schools, and make them interesting, and God will bless us in so doing.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. SMITH.

Report on Mississippi College.

It is with profound gratitude that your committee can report this Institution in splendid condition. Its prospects for a larger patronage were never better. A more noble and efficient corps of Professors have never presided over its destinies. Its work in the past is a sufficient guarantee for the future. Contemplate for a moment our condition in this State were it not for those who have here been fitted for the great work in which they are engaged. Remove them all from our borders, and strike from existence the College, and a half century would not be a sufficient time in which to repair the damages which would result to the denomination. We therefore recommend our College to all those who have sons to educate, and especially to all our young brethren who feel that the Lord has called them to preach His Gospel.

Respectfully submitted,

N. M. BERRY, Chairman.

Report on Temperance.

Temperance, meaning a moderate indulgence of the appetite—hence eating, sleeping, talking, &c. We are not prepared to say that our people are temperate in these things but, if allowed to judge, we would say not, we are satisfied there is food enough consumed by intemperate eating to feed many missionaries and orphans. Also, there is time enough lost by intemperate talking, the right use of which would enable us to visit many sick rooms, and disconsolate ones, and we should be very careful about intemperate sleeping. As to drinking, we should indulge moderately in the use of water, milk, coffee, tea, and wine, for Paul said to Timothy, take a little wine for thy stomach's sake, Also deacons must not be given to too much wine. See Paul to Timothy, (the Bible.) As to alcohol, we find no place in the Bible where it is allowed—hence we cannot be temperate in the use of it as a beverage, then teetotal abstinence is, and should be our motto. We find as the result of prayers, temperance lectures, essays and other temperance work, that the condition of our churches are better, and not only so, but the influence of these labors are finding their ways down into politics, for thereby you are preserving the father for the children, the son for the mother, and perhaps as a means, it is saving souls for Heaven, and money for the needy. We hope the day is not far distant, that when you see a church member, you will see a total abstainer. Also, when you see an officer of our country, that it may be said of him, there is a total abstainer. Pray on, hope on, work on. We should be temperate in all things allowable, hence, on the support of missionaries, Home and Foreign, do not give too much, (no danger) just enough to answer the purpose, so that they can give themselves wholly to the ministration of the word. Also, be temperate in the support of pastors, do not pay them too much, but give them a living, that they too may give themselves wholly to the ministry. Muzzle not the ox that treadeth out the corn.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. SMITH, Chairman.

Report on Education.

Your committee on Education beg leave to report, that in their judgment next to personal religion, and the ministry of the Word, the subject of Education claims the most serious attention of our body. The signs of the times clearly indicate that whatever may have been our views, and our practice in the past in the matter of education, we can now afford to have but one view and one practice. In all the arteries of activity there has, in recent years, been an intellectual quickening; everybody who hopes to do any real progressive work in the world, is seeking the help to be derived from educational training. This is true in both secular and religious life; and that christian people who shall be slowest to recognize this fact and to adjust themselves to the demands of the times, will be found to be the hindmost in the work of winning the world to Christ. Not only our ministers, but laity—the bone and sinew of our churches—must seek every opportunity, and utilize every possible facility for education.

And what are these facilities? It is gratifying to believe that they are equal to the demand and will continue to be so. For our boys, there are schools, for example, at Clinton, Oxford, Starkville, Kossuth, Cherry Creek, and Blue Mountain, for our girls, there are institutions of learning at Meridian, Starkville, Blue Mountain, Oxford, Clinton, and other places. And all these schools, with their zealous and faithful instructors, are, we believe, worthy the confidence and patronage of our people. We urge, therefore, upon the Association the great importance of addressing ourselves manfully to the work of reaching the demand laid upon us as Baptists, so we may be true to ourselves, to humanity, and to God.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC SMITH, Chairman.

Report of Executive Board.

The Board having but little money in their treasury, and having little hopes of its being materially replenished, were cautious in incurring responsibility. But we tried to find out the most destitute points and with the little means on hand tried to supply the people at those places with the preaching of the gospel. Elder C. W. Smith preached at the Woodson Ridge station, to large and interested congregations, six sermons at another point, to the colored people, five sermons. The telling of the old story of the cross at both places only increased the desire on the part of many to hear it again. This missionary closes his report by saying: "You have no idea how much the colored people seemed to appreciate preaching by a white brother. Oh, could you have heard their entreaties you would be impressed that here there is a great duty laid upon us." Bro. J. P. Rodgers preached fourteen sermons at Pott's Creek; twelve sermons at Temperance Hill; traveled two hundred miles. Hoping good results will attend his labors at these places. At Temperance Hill the church was revived. The little band of Baptists here who had been in a disorganized state were reconstituted, and have been during the session re-admitted into our body. Thus, the small amount of work of your Board and its missionaries is before you. We feel sad, indeed, that the time has come to make this, our last report as your Executive Board, but we believe that God by his providences is pointing out other fields beyond our borders, which are already ripe for the reaper's sickle, and bids us send them forward. Let us realize the necessity of the great work and greatly increase our contributions, never forgetting to offer up our prayers for the success of all who go as reapers into these whitened fields. Brethren, farewell, as your Board.

Respectfully submitted,

N. M. BERRY, Sec. of Board.

Report of Re-districting Committee.

Your committee on Re-districting would submit the following report:

We recommend that we divide our territory into three districts, as follows; 1st District—Bethel, U. C., Cherry Creek, Friendship, Fredonia, Mt. Pleasant, Liberty, New Hope, New Albany, Pleasant Ridge, Pleasant Hill, Spring Hill, Shady Grove.

2d District—Bethel, L. C., Bluff Springs, Cypress Creek, Cary Springs, Duncan Creek, Poplar Springs, Piney Grove, Pleasant Dale, Shiloh, Toccoola, Union.

3d District—Amaziah, Abbeville, Mt. Pisgah, Midway, Oak Grove, Philadelphia, Salem, Spring Creek, Temperance Hill, Zion Hill.

Now, brethren, if you adopt our report your Committee recommends a hearty co-operation one with the other, by correspondence and otherwise as seemeth to lead to good results.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. SOUTER, Chairman.

Report on Documents and Publications.

We recommend to take and read the *Baptist Record*, *The Baptist, Foreign Mission Journal*, and *Kind Words*. And that the Clerk superintend the printing and distributing of the Minutes, and that he have so much of the District Meeting published as relates to the time and place of the meeting; also, the names of persons to preach stated sermons, queries and brethren to write Essays, and that he be allowed \$7 50 for his services.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. SOUTER, Chairman.

Committees of Chickasaw Association, for 1881.

Committee on Domestic Missions—Elder H. L. Finley, and Bros. A; E. Harwell and Simon Hughes.

Committee on Foreign Missions—Elder W. W. Finley, and Bros. R. M. Bell and B. J. Caldwell.

Committee on Documents and Publications—Elder D. C. M. Bigham, and Bros. Joshua Baker, G. U. Hampton.

Committee on Education—Elder G. W. Potter, and Bros. D. E. Mitchell and Elijah Hale.

Committee on Mississippi College—Bros. N. M. Berry, W. L. Souter and J. T. Short.

Committee on Sabbath Schools—Elders J. H. Morgan, I. Smith and I. M. Gray.

Committee on State of Religion—Bros. F. Souter, J. E. Boatright and Wm. Swain.

Committee on Obituaries—Elder W. W. Finley, P. P. Watts and James Boswell.

NOTE.—Brethren on the above Committee, please prepare your reports for publication, it will aid the Clerk so much. whoever he may be, Do not forget it.

C.

Resolutions.

WHEREAS, There has been by missionary labor and otherwise, churches planted in our bounds at almost all points where it has been practicable. And where as loud Macedonian cries come up to us from the regions beyond. Indeed sundry places in our beloved State, where the destitution is simply appalling, therefore,

Resolved, That we turn over our contributions and our work which we have heretofore accomplished through our Executive Board, to our State Mission Board, located at Oxford, and bid them God speed in this blessed work.

Resolved, That this Association heartily endorse the action of the State Mission Board in the appointment of Elder H. L. Finley, as Evangelist, in this part of the State, and that we heartily co-operate with him in his work.

The Union meeting of the First District, will meet with Fredonia church on Thursday before the first Sabbath in August, 1881.

The following brethren were appointed to write upon subjects in connection with their names, viz:

Intemperance, and its attending evils, Bro. S. C. Darden; Repentance, Bro. R. J. Pickens; Brotherly Kindness, Bro. C. O. Potter; The Second Coming of Christ, Eld. G. W. Potter; Election, Eld. J. T. Pitts; Special providence of God, Eld. D. C. M. Bigham; The Security of God's People, Bro. T. D. Brandon; Duty of the Churches to the Poor, Bro. B. F. Leavell; Covetousness, Bro. N. M. Berry; Prayer, Bro. Jno. S. Brooks; The Duties of Pastors to their churches, and churches, to their Pastors, Eld. I. Smith; The sin of evil speaking among Christians, Bro. R. B. Pitts; Family Government, Bro. I. N. Dodds.

Order of Business.

1. Call for Correspondence.
2. Determine the place of holding the next meeting of this Association.
3. Elect a Minister to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next Association.
4. Call for report of the Standing Committees, to-wit:
 1. Domestic Missions.
 2. Foreign Missions.
 3. Sabbath Schools.
 4. Education.
 5. Mississippi College.
 6. Temperance.
 7. State of Religion.
5. Report of Executive Board and appointment of same.
6. Report of Finance.
7. Report of Treasurer.
8. Appoint Correspondents.
9. Appoint Committees to report at our next Association on the following subjects, viz:
 1. Domestic Missions.
 2. Foreign Missions.
 3. Education.
 4. Mississippi College.
 5. Sabbath Schools.
 6. Temperance.
 7. State of Religion.
 8. Documents and Publications.
10. General Business and Resolutions.

Queries.

Has a church the Scriptural right to celebrate the Lord's Supper, in the absence of an ordained minister?
 Is it right for a church to invite sister churches, or visiting members to participate in the Lord's Supper?
 Elder I. Smith was appointed to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Eld. I. M. Gray, alternate.

Essays.

1. What becomet of the soul after death until the resurrection.—J. R. Johnson.
2. Which is first in order, Faith or Regeneration?—H. L. Finley.
3. Are ministers in this age preaching under the commission?—W. W. Finley.
4. Does Communion, in addition to its commemorative feature, exhibit love?—J. H. Morgan.
5. Is Sunday the most appropriate day, according to Scripture, to attend to the business of conference?—W. L. Farmer.

Queries.

1. What should be done with a brother who sells whiskey under the late whiskey law?
2. Is the requirements of the great "Commission" of our Lord, binding on christians now?
3. Is inter-communion between sister churches of the same faith and order Scriptural?
4. Do the Scriptures recognize the Baptism of a believer, by a properly authorized administrator, without the presence and vote of a church authorizing such baptism?
5. Ought christian men give their vote for the promotion of profane or drinking men to the offices of our county.
6. What is the matchless evil of our country?
7. What are the safe guards of our Churches in this age?
8. Is family prayer an indispensable duty?
9. Is the security of believers conditional?
10. Is Baptism a door to the church; If not, what is?

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. FINLEY, Chairman,
W. L. FARMER,
G. U. HAMPTON,
Committee.

Queries for our next Meeting.

1. Who was caught in the 10th chapter and 12th verse of John? The Shepherd or the Sheep?
2. Have Baptists the Scriptural right to commune with sister churches?
3. What is pulpit affiliation?
4. Is it right for churches to hold protracted meetings at the time of our Union Meetings?

W. F. ROCHESTER, Chairman.

The Clerk of the Union Meeting of the Second District failed to state the place of holding the next meeting; also, the Minister to preach the Introductory Sermon.

C.

Statistical Table,

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.
Amaziah.....	W. E. Berry.....	Cornersville.....
Abbeville.....	C. W. Smith.....	Abbeville.....
Bethel, L. C.....	W. W. Finley.....	Denmark.....
Bethel, U. C.....	H. L. Kidd.....	Esperanzie.....
Bluff Springs.....	W. L. Miller.....	Denmark.....
Cypress Creek.....	W. W. Finley.....	Lafayette Springs.....
Cherry Creek.....	C. W. Smith.....	Cherry Creek.....
Cary Springs.....	Thos. Gorley.....	Randolph.....
Duncan's Creek.....	J. T. Pitts.....	Toccopola.....
Friendship.....	C. W. Smith.....	Cherry Creek.....
Fredonia.....	C. W. Smith.....	Fredonia.....
Liberty.....	J. D. Austin.....	Fairview.....
Mt. Pleasant.....	G. W. Potter.....	Wallerville.....
Mt. Pisgah.....	I. Smith.....	Cornersville.....
Midway.....	Thos. Gorley.....	Caswell.....
New Hope.....	J. T. Pitts.....	Pontotoc.....
New Albany.....	G. W. Potter.....	New Albany.....
Oak Grove.....	I. M. Gray.....	New Albany.....
Oaklemeter.....	J. D. Morton.....	Hickory Flat.....
Poplar Springs.....	P. Lanford.....	Delay.....
Pleasant Ridge.....	P. Lanford.....	Delay.....
Pleasant Hill.....	I. Smith.....	Keonville.....
Philadelphia.....	W. W. Finley.....	Walton.....
Piney Grove.....	Thos. Gorley.....	Toccopola.....
Pleasant Dale.....	H. L. Kidd.....	Esperanzie.....
Spring Hill.....	W. F. Davis.....	Mud Creek.....
Shiloh.....	W. W. Finley.....	Lafayette Springs.....
Shady Grove.....	H. L. Kidd.....	Esperanzie.....
Salem.....	W. L. Farmer.....	Cornersville.....
Spring Creek.....	H. L. Finley.....	Waterford.....
Temperance Hill.....	J. P. Rodgers.....	Holly Springs.....
Toccopola.....	C. W. Smith.....	Toccopola.....
Union.....	Thos. Gorley.....	Dallas.....
Zion Hill.....	I. M. Gray.....	New Albany.....

For 1880.

NAMES OF DELEGATES.							
	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter	Excluded.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Died.	Total.
W. B. West, L. M. Baker, W. L. Farmer....	18	...	...	2	11	...	84
G. A. Logan, F. A. Crossly, J. B. Smith....	9	7	5	...	9	1	95
J. T. Short, Wm. Crow.....	4	1	1	...	4	1	68
G. J. Robbins, J. S. Dyson, J. L. Todd	3	6	1	...	3	1	71
John Carter, John Fuller.....	4	1	...	2	11	1	42
Robert McKelvania.....	...	...	1	...	4	5	44
J. T. Pitts.....	7	6	3	1	16	2	152
Not represented.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
E. C. Conley.....	...	3	...	...	...	...	20
W. L. Souter, E. G. Browning, Thos. Black	2	4	1	...	8	2	50
W. Parks, Charley Stewart.....	19	1	1	...	1	...	73
James Boswell, B. J. Caldwell.....	6	4	1	1	7	2	65
I. Smith, S. J. Fitzgerald.....	9	4	...	1	1	1	129
A. Beard.....	12	6	1	1	20	...	85
G. W. Alford, U. A. Temple.....	...	...	...	...	1	...	33
T. F. Neely.....	7	5	1	...	5	1	105
Wm. Langston.....	...	...	...	...	2	...	62
I. N. Dodd, A. H. Hale.....	...	17	2	...	2	3	83
J. J. Baker, J. J. Newman, C. W. Barnes...	3	12	1	1	4	...	58
Robert Grisett, John W. Powell, S. Hughes	5	10	...	1	10	...	50
Not represented.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
S. D. Shelton, J. S. Brooks	21	6	1	2	...	1	174
Elijah Hale, J. A. Gray, J. W. Wait.....	3	2	4	1	9	2	75
Thomas Gorley, T. J. Carr.....	...	...	...	...	2	1	40
H. B. Vaughan, J. E. Sullivan.....	...	4	1	...	9	...	23
T. J. Wingo.....	7	2	...	...	11	3	63
G. U. Hampton, G. E. Murphy	9	8	4	2	2	2	76
H. L. Kidd, J. E. Browning, S. Pilcher.....	7	...	...	...	2	...	57
John Rhew, J. H. Morgan, J. J. Johnson...	...	...	...	...	2	...	104
J. T. Brown, J. Borden, I. Ash.....	1	4	...	2	4	2	84
A. Boatright, A. J. Marshall, J. E. Boatright	...	1	...	...	...	...	8
C. W. Smith, W. Hodges.....	5	10	1	...	...	...	53
J. P. S. Powell, A. E. Harwell.....	...	6	1	...	5	...	38
J. T. Tate, N. J. Treadway, A. L. Stephens	12	4	1	...	5	...	47
Total.....	164	134	32	17	189	32	2206

Report on Finance.

Amaziah.....	\$1 00	Abbeville.....	\$2 00
Bethel, L. C.....	50	Bethel, U. C.....	70
Bluff Springs.....	1 50	Cypress Creek.....	1 60
Cherry Creek.....	3 85	Cary Springs.....	
Duncan Creek.....	60	Friendship.....	1 70
Fredonia.....	1 50	Liberty.....	1 50
Mt. Pleasant.....	2 10	Mt. Pisgah.....	70
Midway.....	75	New Hope.....	2 00
New Albany.....	1 00	Oak Grove.....	1 25
Piney Grove.....	90	Poplar Springs.....	1 00
Pleasant Ridge.....		Pleasant Hill.....	2 25
Philadelphia.....	1 50	Pleasant Dale.....	40
Spring Creek.....	2 00	Shiloh.....	1 50
Shady Grove.....	1 00	Spring Hill.....	1 50
Salem.....	1 25	Temperance Hill.....	75
Toccopola.....	1 75	Union.....	80
Zion Hill.....	60		

W. L. SOUTER, Chairman.

Pledges to State Missions.

Spring Creek.....	\$100 00	Cherry Creek.....	\$ 75 00
Salem.....	10 00	Friendship.....	20 00
Amaziah.....	15 00	Abbeville.....	15 00
Bethel, L. C.....	15 00	Bethel, U. C.....	5 00
Midway.....	15 00	Liberty.....	10 00
Fredonia.....	10 00	Mt. Pisgah.....	10 00
Mt. Pleasant.....	25 00	New Albany.....	5 00
Oak Grove.....	15 00	Poplar Springs.....	10 00
Pleasant Hill.....	20 00	Philadelphia.....	15 00
Shiloh.....	5 00	Spring Hill.....	5 00
Temperance Hill, paid.....	5 00		
		Total.....	\$405 00

The last hundred dollars of pledges was not handed to me, hence this report is incorrect, but it is the best I can do, it should be five hundred dollars, in place of four hundred.—Clerk.



